TAKING A STAND
The Evolution of Human Rights
By Juan E. Méndez with Marjory Wentworth
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Juan Mendez
U.N. Special Rapporteur on Torture
For a book signing event
Guest Speaker: Curt Goering, COO, AIUSA

When: February 15, 2012, from 5:30-7:30 PM
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with light refreshment following the presentation.

Maintaining human rights across the globe continues to be a crucial issue. Violence against
civilians during the recent protests throughout the Middle East brings the matter to the
forefront of public consciousness yet again, renewing its urgency. For concerned citizens and
organizations around the world, TAKING A STAND: The Evolution of Human Rights by Juan
Méndez and Marjory Wentworth is an incisive look across the most pressing human rights issues
of our time, how they have evolved, and how effective action can be taken to address them.

Méndez is the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Torture and boasts a long and fearless legal
career as a human rights defender. As a result of representing political prisoners in his native
Argentina, he was subjected to torture during an 18-month detention by the Argentinian
military dictatorship. In 1977, he moved to the United States after being expelled from
Argentina and proceeded to work in various capacities as an advocate for human rights,
including as legal counsel for Human Rights Watch and as the UN’s first Special Advisor on

Méndez draws on both his expertise and personal experience as a political prisoner to deliver a
comprehensive treatment of the core human rights concerns that the world faces today. He
addresses detention, torture, immigration issues, laws of war, and the struggle for
accountability, along with a number of other topics that are crucial to the human rights
community. He challenges the status of these issues today, and also delivers a blueprint for
how citizens and various human rights groups can work together toward a new way forward.

TAKING A STAND interweaves a timely analysis of the state of human rights with a remarkable
story of a life in activism.